Public investment in Agricultural sector

*406. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of decline in the public investment in the agricultural growth rate and how does it compare with years, year-wise;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the overall agricultural growth rate and how does it compare with the population growth rate;

(d) to what extent the research system has met the technical challenges in the agricultural sector; and

(e) whether Government have reviewed the agricultural policy and strategy to reform the agricultural sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (e) Gross capital formation in public sector in agriculture during the period 1987-88 to 1990-91 was as follows:—

Rs in crores

	Current Prices	At 1980-81 prices
1987-88	3063	1461
1988-89	3164	1364
1989-90	3054	1169
1990-91	3518	1247

(Quick estimates)

The thrust in public sector investments in agriculture in this period has been on optimising investments already made, rather than making new start with huge investments.

The annual compound rate of growth for production of all crops was 3.33 per cent during 1980-81 to 1990-91. The average annual exponential population growth was 2.1 per cent during the same period.

Strengthening of research and training infrastructure has helped in increasing production and productivity levels of foodgrains, other crops as also milk, fish, poultry, etc.

The agricultural policy and sector performance has been carefully reviewed while formulating the strategy for the 8th Plan period.

Water dispute between Delhi and Haryana

*407. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dispute between Delhi Administration and Haryana over sharing of Yamuna water; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to settle this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Allocations of the available Yamuna waters between the basin States including Haryana and the Union Territory of Delhi are yet to be settled. The draft agreements for the purpose have been circulated to the States for consideration in the next inter-State meeting scheduled for 28-3-1992.